



## MINUTES OF KISHOGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARENTS' COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Bernadette Murphy, Somantha Connolly, Karen Gleeson, Colm Reid, Michael Courtney, Michelle Kinsella, Jurga Petkus, Lisa Nolan (Teachers Rep), Niall Hare (Principal)

### 1. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### Item 5.1 & 5.2 update

Concerns were raised on the cost of eBooks for second year students at the last meeting, following this Niall presented a handout with an outlay of the costs. This will be available on the Parents' page on the school website – see eBooks

### 2. MINUTES

The minutes from the last KCC Parents' Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 were read and adopted.

### 3. SAFETY CONCERNS

On Friday morning, 24<sup>th</sup> August the PC Chair, Secretary and vice Chair met briefly to discuss the PC AGM. Whilst on the school premises they became aware of some safety issues.

#### Concerns noted

- Fire Alarm appeared not to be in operation;
- Smoke sensors were still capped;
- Break glass units had no glass and some were installed incorrectly;
- No temporary evacuation signage in place to cover planned exits whilst construction is still in progress;
- No visible "assembly point" area.

Niall informed us that staff was not trained in emergency evacuation procedures so we also requested that an evacuation would need to be conducted as soon as possible to make staff and students aware of their responsibilities.

These concerns were emailed that day to the school Principal and Niall confirmed by return email the following day that he had dealt with the issues as a high priority.

### 4. UNIFORM

It was agreed by all that the uniform sales days were very disappointing as Uniform Warehouse were very disorganised. There are still a number of school uniform orders yet to be completed.

#### 4.1. School Ties

A number of parents' and students highlighted that the length of the school tie is too short. Niall noted that UW has already been informed and that the school ties could be exchanged for a longer version, if desired. This exchange would be conducted at the school.

#### **4.2. School Crest**

Some felt that the crest was difficult to make out as the stitching was too thick. Niall noted this and would look into the matter. A question was raised on why the crest was silver on the tie and gold on the sweater and blazer, some felt the crest looked better in silver.

#### **4.3. Lockers**

Niall confirmed that new larger size lockers have been provided for the students, the locking mechanisms have not been delivered but as soon as they have been fitted the lockers will be allocated to the students.

#### **4.4. Wet days**

Concerns were raised on where students could store their jackets on wet days as the school uniform policy currently requires jackets (excluding crested blazer) to be stored in students' lockers. Niall will look into sourcing a room to be set up to allow students to hang their wet coats when necessary.

#### **5. IPAD STORAGE**

Colm highlighted the issue with storage space on the ipad's again. He has been in contact with Wriggle to investigate the issue and will revert back to the school and PC with the outcome.

#### **6. AGM PREP**

It was hoped to have the PC AGM on the first years parents' open night. However, Niall felt it would be better suited to the evening when the second year parents would be invited to a tour of the new school upon its completion. The PC felt this was too long to wait and it was agreed that the Chair, Secretary and vice Chair would meet up as soon as possible and work on planning the AGM for an earlier date.

#### **7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Niall presented the Principals report detailing the status of Kishoge Community College to date and for the month ahead – *handout at meeting*. The report will be published on the school [website](#).

#### **8. AOB**

A question was raised on when the new school website would be active, Niall stated that it would not happen for a while but when everyone has settled into the new school it would be on the list for review.

#### **9. NEXT MEETING**

The next KCC Parents' Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 19:30.